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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Rejection mailed April 4, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed and received at the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 7, 2003. A petition for a one month extension of time to October 7, 2003, with the appropriate fees is being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.